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Re PATENT APPLICATION of:
YAMAMURA ET AL.

Confirmation Number: 2745

Application No.: 09/522,020

Group Art Unit: 1731

Filed: March 8, 2000

Examiner: Hoffmann, J.M.

For: GLASS ROD MANUFACTURING METHOD AND GLASS ROD
MANUFACTURING APPARATUS

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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/response for this application.

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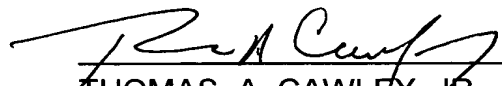
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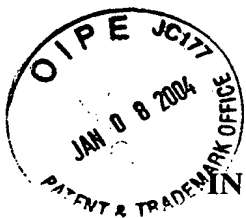
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 290.00	= \$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE					\$ 0.00
GRAND TOTAL					\$ 0.00

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Sir:

This is in response to the final official action dated October 8, 2003, wherein the pending claims were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.